

Amendments to the Specification

Kindly amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 19-25 as follows:

Preferentially, in step a) the aqueous solvent is water, although other solvents that are totally or at least to a large extent miscible with water at the given reaction condition may also be used, such as alcohols, in particular methanol, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, butanol and sec-butanol; THF, and acetone ~~and ethylacetate~~. Also, mixtures of different solvents may be used, for example water/alcohol, in particular water/isopropanol, in different ratios. Obviously, the solvent should be reaction-inert towards the reagents, in particular towards HCl.